GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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INCREASE IN COAL DEPOSITS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal deposits have increased in all the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited in comparison to last year;

(b) if so, the quantum of monthly increase in coal deposits in comparison to production; and

(c) the policy/reasons responsible therefor and the steps being taken to improve the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a): National Coal Inventory is assessed by Geological Survey of India (GSI) each year in January.Reserve of coal has increased in all the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL) in comparison to last year except in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL).
(b) & (c): Coal reserve is assessed by GSI annually and hence monthly increase in reserve is not available. As per assessment of GSI, coal deposit upto a depth of 1200 metres from surface in CIL has increased by 12.959 billiontonnes as on 1.1.2002 in comparison of 1.1.2001. Coal production in CIL has also increased by 11.52 million tonnes in 2001-02 overthe production of 2000-01. Production increase has been achieved in all the subsidiaries except BCCL & NEC.

Subsidiary-wise details of coal reserves and coal production during last two years are as under:-

(In billion tonnes)

Subsidiary	Total reserves as on 1-1-2002	Total reserve as on 1-1-2001	Increase
ECL	40.870	40.079	0.791
BCCL	19.430	19.430	
CCL	36.782	35.584	1.198
WCL	10.921	10.050	0.871
SECL	39.420	37.264	2.156
NCL	12.120	10.639	1.481
MCL	58.012	51.571	6.441
NEC	0.910	0.890	0.021
Total CIL	218.465	205.507	12.959

Coal production (In million tonnes)

Subsidiary	2001-02	2000-01	Increase
ECL	28.55	28.03	0.52
BCCL	25.26	25.97	(-)0.71
CCL	33.81	31.75	2.06
WCL	37.01	35.20	1.81
SECL	64.12	60.33	3.79
NCL	42.46	41.40	1.06
MCL	47.81	44.80	3.01
NEC	0.64	0.66	(-)0.02

Total CIL	279.66	268.14	11.52

The major reasons of less production in BCCL in 2001-02 as compared to previous year are acute fund crunch, delay in clearance of land and rehabilitation.

Production in NEC has been less in 2001-02 mainlydue to mines becoming extensive and older coupled with adverse geo-mining condition and limited market of NEC coal.

Steps have been taken for increasing the production during the X plan mainly by introduction of suitable mechanization and opening of new projects.